

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

February 22, 2023

Mr. Alan Shaw  
President and CEO  
Norfolk Southern Corporation  
650 W. Peachtree Street NW  
Atlanta, GA 30308

Dear Mr. Shaw:

I write today to follow up to the request from my colleague, Congressman Bill Johnson, for Norfolk Southern to explain and reconsider the expansion of the evacuation perimeter, which is used to prioritize and provide financial assistance and testing to Pennsylvanians affected by Norfolk Southern's train derailment just across the state line in East Palestine, Ohio.

It is abundantly clear that this arbitrary zone does not include all affected Pennsylvanians, which is why [I first called for it to be expanded last week](#). Every day, I hear from my constituents in Darlington Township and across Beaver County, Pennsylvania, who continue to have concerns about their health and safety due to the derailment and chemical fire. As recently as today, February 22, 2023, my office called the Norfolk Southern Family Assistance Center to inquire whether your company is providing any support for affected Pennsylvania residences and businesses outside of the evacuation zone. Not only did the Assistance Center support staff confirm that Norfolk Southern is providing nothing to these residences and businesses, but they also did not have any resources or contacts for affected Pennsylvanians—even within the evacuation perimeter. Despite [your company's commitment](#) to considering "individual requests for those outside the 44413 zip code," the Norfolk Southern employee informed my staff that he is focusing on the East Palestine zip code, and he only provided contact information for the Ohio EPA when my staff inquired about home and private well testing.

I write to echo Congressman Johnson's request for Norfolk Southern to reconsider the criteria that you are using to determine who is eligible for disaster-related financial assistance. Additionally, in light of yesterday's Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) order that legally requires Norfolk Southern to conduct all cleanup actions, I am requesting answers, in writing, to the following questions to obtain your commitment to helping Pennsylvanians:

- Will you commit to identifying and cleaning up contaminated soil and water resources in Pennsylvania up to 30 miles outside of the evacuation zone?
  - If not up to 30 miles, how far can you extend the zone and by what date?
- Will you reimburse the EPA for cleaning services for all Pennsylvania residents and businesses that the EPA or Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection determines have been affected by the Norfolk Southern train derailment?
- Will you commit to attending and participating in public meetings focused on the effects of the train derailment on Pennsylvanians and our environment?

To the extent that any testing, resources, or financial assistance are contingent upon what is considered to be the evacuation perimeter in the Commonwealth, this boundary should be updated to meet the needs and concerns of all affected Pennsylvanians. I am encouraged that the CDC/ATSDR agreed to conduct a risk assessment in Pennsylvania to assess the contamination and communicate the risk to the public. Yet Norfolk Southern is failing to show any commitment to rebuilding lost trust in our community. Providing the resources mentioned above would help your company restore the sense of security that the Norfolk Southern train derailment and its aftermath destroyed.

I look forward to your timely response and attention to these matters.

Very respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christopher R. Deluzio". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Chris Deluzio  
Member of Congress